

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Amendments to the Claims

Claim 29 has been amended to replace the word "with" with the word "within". This amendment is intended to correct a typographical error.

The Applicants submit that no new matter has been added by this amendment to the claims.

Statement of the Substance of an Interview

A telephone interview was held between the Examiner, Fred Prince, and the Applicants' agent, Scott Pundsack, on February 17, 2004. With reference to MPEP 713.04, the substance of the interview was as follows:

1. No exhibits were shown and no demonstrations were conducted.
2. Claim 29 was discussed.
3. No prior art was discussed.
4. The proposed amendments discussed were the removal of the incorporation by reference of Canadian patent applications and replacing the word "with" with the word "within" in line 7 of claim 29.
5. Regarding claim 29, the Applicants submitted that the word "with" in line 7 was a typographical error. Regarding removal of the incorporation by reference of the Canadian patent applications, the Applicants did not present any arguments but merely agreed to remove the incorporation by reference.
6. No other pertinent matters were discussed.
7. The results of the interview are as discussed in the Interview Summary form completed by the Examiner. However, while the Examiner's Interview Summary notes that it was agreed that "with" should be changed to "within" in line 7 of claim 29, the Examiner's Amendment does not appear to make that change to the claim. Accordingly, the Applicants are submitting a request for that amendment to be made pursuant to 37 CFR 1.312. Further, the Examiner's

Interview Summary states that the incorporation by reference of a foreign patent application is not permitted. The Applicants wish to clarify that, although agreement was reached to delete those incorporations by reference, the Applicants neither contested nor agreed that such incorporations by reference are not permitted.

Respectfully submitted,

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